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Pennsylvania's 2005 Fruit Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 7, 2006 - - - Pennsylvania apple production was 515 million pounds, up 110 million pounds from 2004, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 515 million pounds, 510 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 23,400 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$50.9 million, up 26 percent from 2004. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.8 billion pounds, New York produced 1.04 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 780 million pounds.

Tart cherry production was 2.6 million pounds from 800 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 3,250 pounds, down from 3,750 pounds in 2004. The preliminary farm level value was \$819,000. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 208 million pounds.

Pennsylvania peach production was 26,600 tons from 4,500 acres in 2005. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 5.91 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$19.0 million. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in peach production behind California, South Carolina, Georgia, and New Jersey.

Pear production was 2,100 tons from 800 acres in 2005. The preliminary farm level value was \$1.3 million.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 90,000 tons from 12,000 acres in 2005. The preliminary farm level value was \$19.6 million. There were 78,000 tons of Concord, 6,000 tons of Niagara, and 6,000 tons of other grapes crushed in 2005. Grapes processed for wine increased to 16,300 tons, up 23 percent from 2004. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in grape production behind California, Washington, New York, and Michigan.

Fruit Production: Pennsylvania and U.S., 2004-2005

Fruit	Pennsylvania				United States			
	Bearing Acres		Total Production		Bearing Acres		Total Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>
Apples	22,100	21,800	405	515	384,460	378,860	10,440.6	9,864.9
Tart Cherries	800	800	3.0	2.6	36,950	37,050	213.0	270.4
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Grapes	12,000	12,000	86,800	90,000	933,100	934,850	6,240,030	7,828,700
Peaches ¹	4,500	4,500	23,000	26,600	146,070	140,160	1,229,800	1,145,100
Pears	900	800	4,500	2,100	63,950	62,150	878,260	825,325

¹ Excludes California clingstones.

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